

Wife Feared Farmer, She Tells Court

'I Saw My Husband Strike Dennis,' Says Mrs. Gough

"I SAW Mr. Gough strike Dennis and make him stand outside the door in the cold with no clothes on... he brought Dennis into the kitchen and hit him on either side of the head and punched him on the back and chest."

Standing pale with emotion in the witness box, twenty-year-old Mrs. Esther Gough gave this evidence at Stafford Assizes yesterday.

She said she had told her husband that Dennis was not getting enough.

Asked by the Judge why she should have made a statement to the police which was not true, Mrs. Gough replied: "Had I spoken the truth I could not have stayed at the farm. I would probably not have been alive today."

Mrs. Gough and her husband, Reginald Gough, thirty-one-year-old farmer, formerly of Bank Park, Hope Valley, Manchester, Shropshire, had pleaded not guilty to the manslaughter of Dennis O'Neill, aged thirteen, who with his brother Terence, aged ten, was boarded on the farm.

After the hearing was resumed yesterday Mr. Justice Wrottesley said:

"At the evidence stands, when I come to address the jury I shall tell them there is no evidence on which they can find Mrs. Gough guilty of manslaughter."

Gough went into the witness box to conclude his evidence. He heard that on the night before Dennis died he thumped him on the chest. There was plenty of food for the boys.

MRS. GOUGH IN BOX

Mrs. Gough sat in the dock to give evidence.

On June 14, 1941, she joined the I.O.A.F. She was discharged the following January. She and her husband were married the following January. They had no children of their own.

Mrs. Gough said she was always up at five in the morning. She fired herself a cup of tea, and after they all had a cup of tea.

Then came the milking. Often she had to bring the horses up. She helped to clean the cow house, sometimes turned out the cows, looked after about 100 poultry and 20 ducks and then looked after the calves.

She helped with the milk at night. It was nothing unusual for the milking to be done at midnight. Sometimes it was a two o'clock in the morning.

Mrs. Gough said she helped in the fields and carried roots on her back to the cows in the winter time. She had to get the meals in the house and do the housework. Very early used to help her a little.

Mrs. Long: "You found of Mrs. Long: "I think I was."

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Police In Treasure Hunt

BLUEBEARD SETS PARIS NEW RIDDLE

A HUNT for £250,000 stolen from the 63 women allured to Paris, Saturday.

The hunt for the missing money has been discovered yet, and we have no idea where it is concealed, said the Paris examining magistrate, M. Ferdinand Gollety.

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Secret RAF Trip To Poland

CREW CHOSEN BY BALLOT

A N RAF plane, its crew chosen by drawing lots, landed in a beetroot field in Poland, 800 miles behind the enemy lines, to land two important passengers.

Then it took off again in the darkness, bringing out other passengers with valuable intelligence reports.

The story of the plane's hazardous flight was told last night for the first time by the first crew member, a navigator, and Pilot Officer N. Wilcock (wireless operator). The co-pilot was a Pole.

Then about 5.30 p.m. one day, Flight-Lieut. Harrod took off from an Italian airfield and reached his destination—a beetroot field on the outskirts of a village some miles from Lublin—40 seconds before the estimated time.

The aircraft on the ground landed on an avenue of stone lanterns, squared off at one end by red lights, with green lights leading in to the landing strip.

Brakes and boggy ground pulled the plane up only 20 yards and a massive man.

The aircraft were off-loaded and on-loaded while the engines were still running.

Few greetings were exchanged, and as soon as the doors were opened the captain turned into wind. For take-off, on a boggy, unimproved field, he could reckon only 800 yards—and at the end of the makeshift runway was a row of trees.

Switching on his landing lights, the captain opened to full power, and the aircraft rolled in and out of the fields and furrows.

Speed seemed to be little more than stalling speed for some time, but when the plane was in the air, the lights of the landing strip lit the ground and the plane in a semi-circular position when he made a slight turn to the right.

The hazard had been overcome, and the plane had been reached the crew shop hands.

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Postman Brought Two Letters...

Mrs. W. E. Sudd, a widow, of Frome-road, Bradford-on-Avon, mother of eight children, four of whom are soldiers, received two envelopes from a postman yesterday.

Each contained the news that a soldier son had been killed—Pte. Eric, twenty-one, in Burma, and Pte. Ronald, twenty-eight, serving on the European Front.

Austrian Girl To Wed RAF Man

DICK-RAISED Anne Brendler, of the RAF, who has been in this country for six years and is working on munitions.

On the eve of her 19th birthday she obtained consent of the West London Magistrate, Sir Gerald Rentoul, yesterday, to her marriage to Cpl. Walter Horowitz, of the RAF.

Anne, who is living at St. Marks-place, North Kensington, explained that her parents were in Vienna, and she had not heard from them since 1940.

Corporal Horowitz is twenty-two and said he had known the girl for 18 months.

Eastbourne Pier Is Released

EASTBOURNE pier, 44 years old, and the town has been derequisitioned, but it is unlikely that the pier will be usable for some time.

Week-end visitors to Eastbourne East Pier will have to go short of food, and accommodation is already fully booked.

East Pier will, however, find it almost impossible to get meals at the few remaining restaurants and cafes.

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